

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 11-31 were examined and rejected. Claims 1-10 were previously canceled without prejudice.

By this Amendment, claim 31 has been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 11-31 remain pending in the application.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Various portions of the specification were objected to for informalities which have been addressed by the above amendments to the specification.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, with respect to the lack of antecedent basis of "said skin stretching member". Correction has been made.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 11-31 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,712,776. This amendment has been made moot by the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

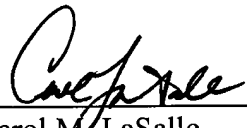
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-089CON3.

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